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Subject: Humboldt Wind Energy Project Planner-PUBLIC COMMENT

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Rio Dell, I request that my comment be entered into the public record. I am strongly opposed to the Monument Ridge TerraGen Wind Energy project. It appears to me, based on what I saw in the Rio Dell City Council meeting video, that the County is attempting to fast track this project, due to the proposed increased tax revenue the project will supposedly bring to our area.

Our area is known for natural beauty, being so close to the Northern entrance to the Avenue of the Giants. It attracts visitors from all over the world. Rather than seeing a tree lined ridge top in the distance, visitors will now see massive ugly wind turbines looming over our two small towns. This is NOT good for tourism, which we rely on in our area.

We have amazing wildlife and these turbines will cause serious destruction to birds and the natural environment in general. In addition, these massive turbines will be a blight on our landscape. The beautiful view of Monument Ridge that I now enjoy from my home will be absolutely ruined, not only during the day, but also at night when I'll be forced to stare at a line of ugly blinking red lights, rather than the stars that I now enjoy.

Our area is not the right place to put these turbines, which are already outdated technology. (There are much better vibratory wind energy alternatives already in use that don't kill wildlife).

While the county at large may feel benefits from increased tax revenue, I feel that these turbines will be detrimental to the long term general well being of Rio Dell and Scotia. Our economies are fragile enough as it is without out of area companies coming in, yet again, to exploit us for their own financial gain.

I strongly urge you to NOT approve this project.

Sincerely,

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